



# United States Capitol Visitor Center

## Weekly Construction Summary



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Masons are now setting the pre-cast terrazzo stair treads on the spiral staircase in the Senate stairwell atrium. Another mason team is nearly complete with floor stone work at the lower level of the stair while a metal crew has nearly completed the installation of the bronze hand rails.

### **This Week – Ongoing Work – 10/29/07 through 11/2/07**

- Clean-up crews continue to prepare interior spaces for the follow-on inspection process. Masons are now completing final grout work in the Great Hall and in the CVC transition zone below the Center Steps Carriageway.
- Carpet repair work is being completed in the North and South Orientation Theaters and all of the theater seats should be in place by the end of this week.
- In the Great Hall, bronze letters have been installed identifying the CVC Restaurant and the Great Hall.
- At the CVC entrance zones, masons have completed setting pavers for the CVC's north entrance plaza and continue working on the south plaza. The paving work immediately in front of the south entrance doors has been completed.
- All of the bench components for the Exhibition Hall have been delivered to that location and will be installed once the adjacent floor stone has been cleaned in early November.
- In the CVC Restaurant, workers continue to install fixtures and stainless steel servery bins while professional cleaning crews continue to scrub and polish equipment in preparation for the follow-on inspections.
- Masons have completed setting the stone slabs for the marble feature walls in both the House and Senate stairwell atria. Metal workers continue to install the bronze hand rails for each staircase. In the Senate atrium, masons are nearly complete setting stone in a concentric pattern on the atrium floor while another team has begun setting the pre-cast stair treads (*see photo above*).
- In the East Front, ceiling framework continues at the Rotunda and Gallery levels.



An electrician installs a fire alarm device in the ceiling of one of two CVC gift shops, which are located to the north and south of the Great Hall.

- An excavation crew continues grading the east end of the north entrance zone near First Street NE to prepare the zone for the remaining work on a low retaining wall, soil placements and the final plantings. A crew has begun installing the irrigation system for that zone.
- Bronze workers continue to install bronze cladding around custom doors and window openings.
- All of the major plaster and stone work is complete in the tunnel to the Library of Congress and in the portion of the transition zone that lies within the Jefferson Building. Masons continue working on the remaining stone work in the transition/screening zone just west of the Jefferson Building.
- Electricians continue inspections of all of the CVC light fixtures.

## **Next Week – 11/5/07 – 11/9/07**

### **CVC and East Front Plaza Work**

- Punch-list work will continue throughout interior spaces as millwork, wall stone, floor stone, grout lines, painted surfaces, ceiling panels, plaster work, carpeting, light fixtures, doors, and other finish materials are inspected.
- Workers will continue installing ceiling framework at the Gallery Level in the East Front Extension of the Capitol.
- Mechanical crews will continue testing and balancing the CVC's mechanical systems. Technicians will continue to test the CVC's fire and life-safety systems.
- Masons are expected to complete installation of pavers at the south end of the CVC entrance plaza.
- Installation of bronze cladding will continue around door thresholds and window frames near the CVC entrance zone and the Congressional Auditorium. The majority of custom door installation work is now complete throughout the site.
- Workers are expected to complete the installation of the bronze hand rails in the House Stairwell Atrium while masons continue to install the pre-cast terrazzo stair treads in the Senate Stairwell Atrium.
- Preparations will continue in the LOC Tunnel to clear the way for installation of a terrazzo floor.



Bronze letters that identify interior spaces have been installed in several locations.

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